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Mr. Warren Flenniken General Manager Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation North 8th Street, P.O. Box 2000 Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

SUBJ: Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation (formerly Jefferson Smurfit Corporation)
Sampling Investigation Report for the Fernandina Beach, Florida Facility
September 2000
Administrative Order under Section 3013 of RCRA
Docket Number: 98-08-R
EPA ID No.: FLD 004 056 230

Dear Mr. Flenniken:

This letter is to inform you that Administrative Order Docket Number 98-08-R, has been closed. The initial Administrative Order was issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to Section 3013 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 6934 on April 26, 2000, (Order). The Order addressed the Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation located in Fernandina Beach, Florida.

The work required by the Order included the collection and analyses of representative soil samples to determine the nature and extent of any soil contamination in and around the Number 5 Boiler Bark Ash Accumulation Area (Sampling Area 01), Wastewater Treatment Solids Staging Area (Sampling Area 02), Spill Control and Process Sewer Systems (Sampling Area 03), Wastewater Treatment System and Wastewater Ditch (Sampling Area 04), Storm Water Ditch Dredge Piles (Sampling Area 05), Recycle Rejects Bunker Area (Sampling Area 06), Coal Ash Pile (Sampling Area 07), and Coal Conveyance System Fall-Out Area (Sampling Area 08). Based on the results of the soil sampling and the information submitted to EPA, Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation has fulfilled all the requirements in the Order.

As you are aware, Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation has agreed to sample shallow groundwater in the vicinity of subsurface soil sample JS04-01SB. The purpose of the groundwater sampling is to address potential groundwater contamination associated with the 119 mg/kg total chromium analytical result for subsurface soil sample JS04-01SB, which exceeds the total chromium soil screening level for protection of groundwater. The groundwater

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sampling does not affect EPA's ability to close the subject Order since the subject Order only required the collection and analyses of representative soil samples.

If you have any legal inquiries, please contact Joan Redleaf Durbin, Associate Regional Counsel, at (404) 562-9544. Any technical questions you have should be directed to John Kroske at (404) 562-8613, with the RÇRA Enforcement and Compliance Branch, EPA Region 4.

Sincerely yours,

Winston A. Smith

Director

Waste Management Division

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Steve Hamilton, Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation